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A Marker Adapted for use in Gardens or Sown Areas to facilitate the Marking of Trees, Plants or Flowers

I, MAXIME ANDRÉ LAGUERRE, a French citizen, residing at 11 Rue Berteaux Dumas, Neuilly-Sur-Seine, France, do hereby declare the invention for which I pray that a patent 5 may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed to particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to a marker adapted 10 for use in home gardens or sown areas to facilitate the marking of trees, plants and flowers.

According to the invention such a marker 15 comprises vertical support means and a transparent container carried thereby and open at its bottom, wherein the vertical support means is provided at its upper end with an integral, elongated, substantially horizontal rigid plate having two upright projections integral with the ends of said plate, said container capping said projections and being slidably and resiliently supported thereby, said plate being 20 adapted substantially to close the bottom thereof.

In order that the invention may be well understood there will now be described two embodiments thereof, given by way of example only, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a marking 30 device comprising a stake supported container, along a plane of symmetry thereof;

Figure 2 illustrates the same container in profile; and

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate, in perspective and 35 in profile respectively, an alternative marking device with a stake having an integral plate capped by a non-rigid transparent bag.

Referring more particularly now to Figs 1 and 2, the numeral 1 designates a rigid stake 40 adapted to penetrate the ground for anchoring and provided at its upper end with an integral, elongated, substantially horizontal rigid plate 2 having two upstanding legs 3 and 4 which are integral with the ends of the plate. The legs 3 and 4 slightly diverge upwards and are

somewhat resilient: thus, they are adapted to be slightly bent in towards each other when capped by a transparent container 5 thereby to hold the container in position. The container is open at its bottom and can be slid into position over the legs. Thus, the container can be easily fitted to or removed from the stake support. At the same time, the engagement between the container and the stake support is quite effective in preventing any water infiltration which might rub out or damage a tag when shielded in the container.

The whole marking device is preferably 50 made of a plastic material. The lower edge of the container is reinforced at 8 and the imperviousness to water is improved by means of abutments which engage the said lower edge at a level slightly lower than the upper face of the plate.

The container which is illustrated in figs 1 and 2 is generally rigid or semi-rigid. It will be much less expensive, in practice, to make use of a semi-rigid or even a non-rigid bag, for example made of a vinyl resin, such as that which is designated by numeral 5a in Figs. 3 and 4. The legs (3a and 4a, fig 3) are then long enough to support the bag in the upright position.

In the embodiment of figs 3 and 4, the legs are arranged at both ends of one of the longer sides of the rectangular plate 2a. The transparent bag 5a, which is open at its bottom, is stretched over those legs and the identification tag 9 (which is shown in dotted line in Fig. 4) rests at its lower edge on the plate 2a.

In practice, the tag is first inserted within the bag and the latter is then capped over the legs. Any water infiltration is prevented due to the close contact between the tag and the bag.

An empty seed-bag may also be capped over the legs, and then, the transparent bag capped over the seed-bag.

Each of the described marking devices may be cheaply produced and yet efficiently protects the card or tag which it shields whilst providing ready access thereto.

5 **WHAT I CLAIM IS:—**

1. A marker adapted for use in gardens or sown areas to facilitate the marking of trees, plants and flowers, comprising vertical support means and a transparent container carried thereby and open at its bottom, wherein the vertical support means is provided at its upper end with an integral, elongated, substantially horizontal rigid plate having two upright projections integral with the ends of said plate, said container capping said projections and be-
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ing slidably and resiliently supported thereby, said plate being adapted substantially to close the bottom thereof.

2. A marking device according to claim 1, wherein said container is a non-rigid plastic bag.

3. A marking device substantially as herein described with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

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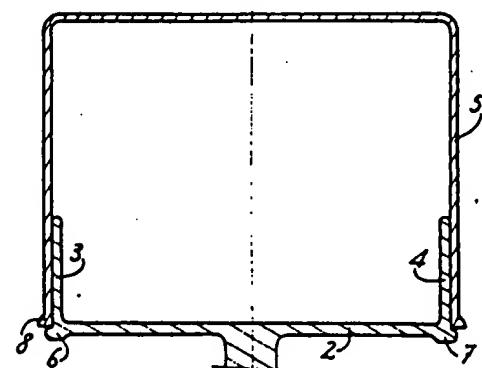


Fig. 1

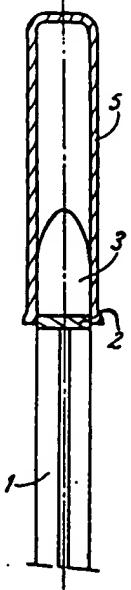


Fig. 2

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2 SHEETS

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Sheets 1 & 2

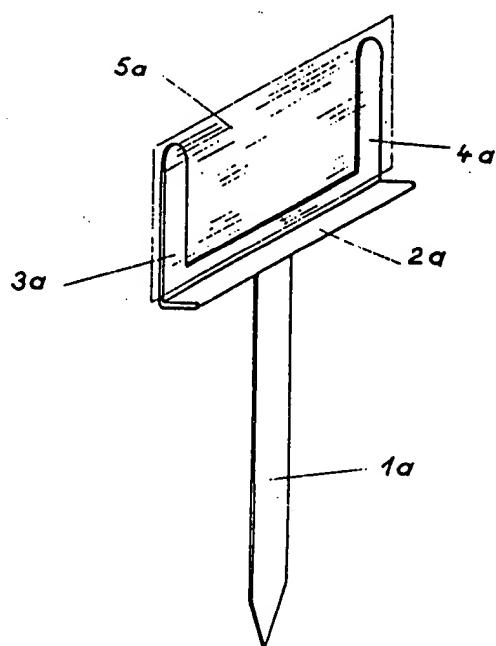


Fig. 3

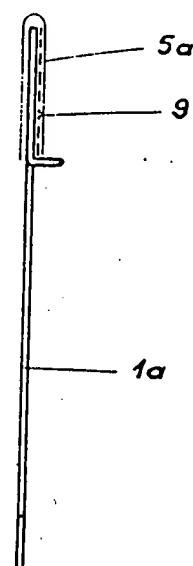


Fig. 4

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